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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DECODING AND TRACE BACK OF  
CONVOLUTION CODES USING THE VITERBI DECODING  
ALGORITHM

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This Communication is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 1, 2002 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the November 1, 2002 Office Action is due December 1, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-23 and 27-43 of Group I drawn to Viterbi decoding, classified in class 375, subclass 341.

Claims 24-26 of Group II, drawn to testing, classified in class 375, subclass 224, are withdrawn at this time.

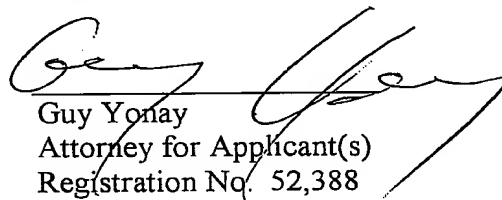
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Applicants reserve all rights in these non-elected claims, claims 24-26, to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments as to this response, the undersigned may be contacted at the address and telephone number below.

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